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In re Application of :  
Peiris et al. : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
Serial No.: 10/808,121 :  
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This is in response to applicants' petition filed September 15, 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d). The delay in responding to this petition is regretted but it was just recently brought to the attention of the deciding authority.

Applicants have satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII. (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E). The \$130.00 petition fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(h) was received. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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